

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-11. (Canceled).

12. (Currently Amended) A method to configure an authoring tool to author a computer-based training course, the method including:

storing a respective set of allocation data for each function in a set of functions of an authoring tool which are available to a user, each set of allocation data including a respective allocation setting for each of an instructional design role and a content definition role for the user to assume with respect to the authoring tool, each allocation setting indicating an ability of the respective function to be allocated to the respective role;

~~recording~~ receiving an indication of a selection by [[a]] ~~the~~ user of ~~at least one of~~ [[an]] ~~the~~ instructional design role and [[a]] ~~the~~ content definition role ~~for the user to assume with respect to the authoring tool;~~

in response to the received indication of the role selection, presenting to the user a list of one or more functions in the set of functions;

receiving an indication of a selection by the user of one of the one or more presented functions; and

in response to the received indication of the function selection, allocating a first set of functions, ~~provided by the authoring tool and selected by the user, to the instructional design role; and~~

~~allocating a second set of functions, also provided by the authoring tool and selected by the user, to the content definition role~~ ~~the selected function to the selected role, wherein at least one of the~~ ~~presenting the list of one or more functions in the set of functions, the selection of one of the one or more presented functions, and the allocating the selected function to the selected role is based on the allocation settings of the set of allocation data.~~

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, ~~including wherein allocating the selected function to the selected role includes one of~~ allocating a first default set of instructional design functions to the instructional design role, and allocating a second default set of content definition functions to the content definition role.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, ~~including wherein allocating the selected function to the selected role includes one of~~ disallowing the allocation of a third set of functions, provided by the authoring tool, to the instructional design role, and disallowing the allocation of a fourth set of functions, provided by the authoring tool, to the content definition role.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, ~~wherein allocating the first and second sets of functions to the instructional design role and the content definition role, respectively, includes presenting first and second allocatable sets of functions for user selection, the first set of functions being user-selectable from the first allocatable set of functions and the second set of functions being user-selectable from the second allocatable set of functions~~ the respective allocation settings of each function in the list of one or more presented functions indicates that the respective function is allocatable to the selected role.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, ~~including presenting the first and second allocatable sets of functions for user selection by presenting the first and second sets of allocatable functions within~~ wherein presenting the list of one or more functions in the set of functions includes presenting in a first distinct display area a list of functions for selective allocation to only one of the instructional design role and a content definition role, the method further comprising presenting in a second distinct display area a second list of one or more functions in the set of functions for selective allocation to only the other of the instructional design role and a content definition role, the displaying in the distinct first and second display areas in conjunction with a graphical user-selection mechanism so as to facilitate graphical selection of the first and second sets of functions by a user.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the first and second display areas comprise windows presented within a graphical user interface, and the graphical user-selection mechanism is a collection of check boxes.

18. (Original) The method of claim 12, including customizing a display of functions to the user based on a user role to which the user has been allocated, and functions allocated to the user role.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18 including customizing the display of functions by selectively displaying user-selectable indicia only for the functions allocated to the user role.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, including displaying the user-selectable indicia within the at least one of a drop-down menu, a pop-up menu, and function tabs within a graphical user interface generated by the GUI module.

21. (Canceled).

22. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable medium storing a set of instructions that, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to perform a method to configure an authoring tool to author a computer-based training course, the method including:

storing a respective set of allocation data for each function in a set of functions of an authoring tool which are available to a user, each set of allocation data including a respective allocation setting for each of an instructional design role and a content definition role for the user to assume with respect to the authoring tool, each allocation setting indicating an ability of the respective function to be allocated to the respective role;

recording receiving an indication of a selection by [[a]] the user of at least one of [[an]] the instructional design role and [[a]] the content definition role for the user to assume with respect to the authoring tool;

in response to the received indication of the role selection, presenting to the user a list of one or more functions in the set of functions;

receiving an indication of a selection by the user of one of the one or more presented functions; and

in response to the received indication of the function selection, allocating a first set of functions, provided by the authoring tool and selected by the user, to the instructional design role; and

allocating a second set of functions, also provided by the authoring tool and selected by the user, to the content definition role the selected function to the selected role, wherein at least one of the presenting the list of one or more functions in the set of functions, the selection of one of the one or more presented functions, and the allocating the selected function to the selected role is based on the allocation settings of the set of allocation data.

23. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 22, wherein allocating the selected function to the selected role includes one of allocating a first default set of instructional design functions to the instructional design role, and allocating a second default set of content definition functions to the content definition role.

24. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 22, wherein allocating the selected function to the selected role includes one of disallowing the allocation of a third set of functions, provided by the authoring tool, to the instructional design role, and disallowing the allocation of a fourth set of functions, provided by the authoring tool, to the content definition role.

25. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 22, wherein the respective allocation settings of each function in the list of one or more presented functions indicates that the respective function is allocatable to the selected role.

26. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 25, wherein presenting the list of one or more functions in the set of functions includes presenting in a first distinct display

area a list of functions for selective allocation to only one of the instructional design role and a content definition role, the method further comprising presenting in a second distinct display area a second list of one or more functions in the set of functions for selective allocation to only the other of the instructional design role and a content definition role, the displaying in the distinct first and second display areas in conjunction with a graphical user-selection mechanism so as to facilitate graphical selection of the first and second sets of functions by a user.

27. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 26, wherein the first and second display areas comprise windows presented within a graphical user interface, and the graphical user-selection mechanism is a collection of check boxes.

28. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 22, including customizing a display of functions to the user based on a user role to which the user has been allocated, and functions allocated to the user role.

29. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 28 including customizing the display of functions by selectively displaying user-selectable indicia only for the functions allocated to the user role.

30. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 29, including displaying the user-selectable indicia within the at least one of a drop-down menu, a pop-up menu, and function tabs within a graphical user interface generated by the GUI module.